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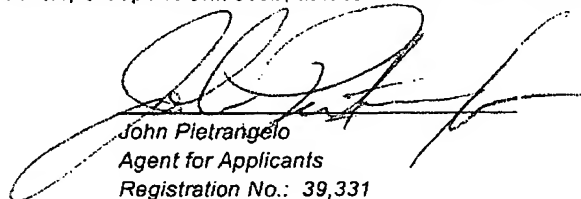
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Response to Office Action are being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed August 23, 2006 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before September 16, 2006, this Response is being timely filed, and no time extension fees are required.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.